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PEOPLE VS:

Prince Watson

CASE NO:

UCR-14650

CHARGE:

Murder

JUDGE:

James Linn

SENTENCING DATE:

March 13, 3013

NAME OF VICTIM: Sally Katona-King

STATEMENT OF: David King

RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM: Son

## VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

I certify that the information contained in this statement is true to the best of my knowledge.

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## VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

The loss of my mother, Sally Katona-King has drastically affected every aspect of my life. Survival is now a luxury. It is important to me that the court understand just how far-reaching this tragedy is.

I have quietly waited a long time for this moment.

Physically and financially, this has been devastating. My mom was my roommate so the expenses of rent, utilities, food, etc were shared 50/50. In an instant, every financial aspect of my survival doubled. We rented an apartment from the church where my mom cooked for those in need on Sunday while I did janitorial work. We were a team. After her passing, I struggled to hold on as my job only paid \$12.00/hour with close friends helping out with a benefit. Eventually, it was more than I could handle and I had to move out. Our possessions have been in a storage locker which is a financial strain. I have been staying with friends whose kindness is boundless, and sleeping on a couch or in a guest bedroom. Things are impacted further as last month I was laid off from my job of the last four years. Life as I knew it is gone. Financially, I have nothing.

The emotional toll, however, far outwelghs all of this. She was on her way home from work when she was murdered. I was called to the hospital and what I saw was a picture that will never leave my mind. I saw a soulless woman who was not there. Shortly thereafter, a decision was made to disconnect her from life support. It haunts me to this day that I never got to say goodbye,. I have lost my roommate, my confidant, my best friend, my mother. Sometimes I feel so lost without her in my life. My emotions have gone from wanting to kill the defendant, to punching abrick wall, to shedding tears in friend's arms many times. I now put my faith in a court system to give a just sentence to a senseless, tragic and selfish crime. Not only did I lose my mother but I had to endure almost 2 years of hearings to seek justice for her. While attending court dates my thoughts go from grieving that she will never know her 2 great grandchildren to the dreams that she will never realize. Most of all though, I think about what I wouldn't give for a chance to hug her one more time. It was painful but necessary as my mom needed to be represented at every hearing.

I now put my faith in a justice system to impose a fair sentence on a senseless murder. The defendant took away one of the mostbeautiful people to ever walk the face on this earth. He had done this act many times

and even perpetrated it after all the media hype of my mother's murder. What a callous disregard for humanity! I pray that justice is served. Thank you.